

Amendments To The Drawings:

None.

Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **February 22, 2007**. A two month extension of time is required and requested. Please charge any fees for this response to Deposit Account 22-0350. Claims 3, 4 and 13-16 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to traverse the §112 objection. Withdrawn claims 6 and 12 have been amended in the same manner. New claims 17 and 18 have been added. Support for this amendment is on page lines 16 through 18.

Claim Rejections based on Sezi and Barnes Jr

Claims 1, 3-5 and 13-16 were rejected as being anticipated under §102(e) by Sezi et al, U.S. Patent 5,229,258. Claims 1, 3-5 and 14 were rejected as being anticipated under §102(e) by Barnes Jr et al, U.S. Patent 4,743,418.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the feature that the content of the water-soluble amine in the polishing composition is 3 to 10% by weight. Support for this amendment is found on page 5, lines 12-18 and Examples 8 and 19 shown in Table 1 on page 11 of the specification. Neither Sezi nor Barnes discloses or suggests the feature added by this amendment. Specifically, Sezi discloses only an aqueous solution consisting of 2 parts by weight of TETA and 98 parts by weight of water (see column 5, lines 44-47), and Barnes discloses that the content of the charge modifying agent in the aqueous solution should not exceed about 1% by weight of the solution (see column 6, lines 29-43). Thus, the claims are not anticipated by any of Sezi and Barnes. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 5, as amended, and claims 17 and 18 as newly presented are patentable over the cited references, alone, or in combination. An early notice to that effect is requested. Applicant requests an interview with the Examiner to discuss this amendment and to either rejoin the withdrawn claims or to cancel them if all other claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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